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PARIS, TOKYO JULY 23, 1973 FROM GENEVA IS REPEATED TO YOU:
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SUBJ LOS: GROUP OF FIVE POLLUTION MEETING, JULY 18

1. GROUP OF FIVE MET ON MARINE POLLUTION ISSUES JULY 18
AND CONCENTRATED ON DISCUSSION OF DRAFT ARTICLES TO BE
TABLED BY FRANCE.

2. FRENCH ARTICLES (COPY POUCHED) INCLUDE LIMITED EN-
FORCEMENT ZONE IN WHICH COASTAL STATE MAY ENFORCE SPECIFIC
CONVENTIONS (OCEAN DUMPING, 1973 IMCO CONVENTION).
FRANCE (JEANNEL) STATED STRONG DESIRE FOR ZONE, BOTH FOR
THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS AND FOR TACTICAL REASONS,
AND WILL TABLE ARTICLES IN SPITE OF ARGUMENTS BY US AND
OTHERS AGAINST ZONE.

3. FRENCH ARTICLES INCLUDE PREAMBLE AND FINAL ARTICLES
SO THAT POLLUTION ARTICLES CAN BE NEGOTIATED AS SEPARATE
CONVENTION. US AND UK ARGUED STRONGLY AGAINST INTRODUCING
ARTICLES WITH PREAMBLE AND FINAL CLAUSES BUT FRANCE SAID
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THEY SEE POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE IN HAVING SEVERAL CONVENTIONS

RESULT FROM LOS CONFERENCE. FRANCE LATER REMOVED PREAMBLE
AND FINAL CLAUSES.

4. FRANCE ALSO INDICATED STRONG OPPOSITION TO US
PROPOSAL MADE IN IMCO COUNCIL ON REGULATORY FUNCTIONS OF
NEW MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS
IT WAS CONTRARY TO SOVEREIGNTY.

5. JAPANESE CONFIRMED PRIVATELY THAT THEY WILL NOT
INTRODUCE THEIR DRAFT POLLUTION ARTICLES AT THIS TIME
BUT MAY DO SO LATER. BASSIN UNQUOTE ROGERS

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